

Hello,

I am writing in support of this bill. As a mother of a child with life-threatening food allergies, the need to have an accessible Epi-Pen is crucial. There is no choice. I will pay \$500 or \$0 for my child to have this prescription. That is not to say that I can afford \$500 or even \$50. In addition, insurance limits how many you can have on hand and if you have a child in school, daycare, or sports or has multiple caregivers, you need more than one prescription at any given time at all locations to protect the safety of your child. Not only are you spending what could be a high cost the first time, you may also need to pay out of pocket for more than one to have on hand.

Again, I am in support of placing a cap on the cost of an Epi-Pen. Families should not have to choose between buying groceries or buying an Epi-Pen.

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